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Background

Council Regulation 1342/2008 establishes a long-term plan for cod stocks and the fisheries exploiting these stocks. Under Article 11(2) the Council may, acting on a proposal from the Commission and on the basis of information provided by the Member States and on the Advice of STECF, exclude certain groups of vessels from the application of the effort regime.

The current exclusion for the group of vessels from Spain, is described in Council Regulation (EC) No 754/2009, as amended. Member States must submit annually, appropriate information to the Commission and STECF to establish that the conditions for any exclusion granted remain fulfilled. Reports on Art 11 are due 31st March.

Request to the STECF

Based on the information provided by Spain in support of the continuing exclusions granted under Article 11 in their annual reports, the STECF is requested to assess whether the groups of vessels concerned have been complying with the conditions set out in the decision on exclusion. In carrying out its assessment, the STECF is requested to:

- a) advise whether the data on catches and landings submitted by the Member State support the conclusion that during the preceding fishing season (from the date of the exclusion), the vessel group has (on average) caught less than or equal to 1,5% of cod from the total catches of the vessels concerned;
- b) specify the reasons, if the information presented gives indications on the non-fulfilment of the conditions for exclusion.

In carrying out its assessment, the STECF should consider the rules on vessel group reporting established in Article 4 of Commission Regulation (EU) No 237/2010 laying down detailed rules for the application of Council Regulation (EC) No 1342/2008.

STECF response

STECF observations

The Spanish report, comprising a set of Excel files, is available at <http://stecf.jrc.ec.europa.eu/reports/plenary>. There is no accompanying letter. File 'Annex II' in accordance with the specifications in Commission Regulation (EU) No 237/2010, lists 62 TR1 vessels

fishing in ICES Subarea VIa (West of Scotland) that are excluded from the effort regime under Article 11 of the cod plan. Reports for only 4 of these vessels are provided in 'Table 1' and 'Table 3' in accordance with the specifications in Commission Regulation (EU) No 237/2010. It is not specified why there are no such reports of the other 58 vessels.

Table 1 reports 18 monthly records for the 4 vessels listed. According to these records the vessels fished at depths greater than 300 m (only one record stated a minimum fishing depth of 298 m). Two of the records report non-zero cod catches: one vessel caught and discarded 382 kg cod in May and another vessel caught and discarded 3635 kg of cod in May. According to Table 3, three observer trips relate to trips by these two vessels in the month of May only. In all three observer trips cod was caught and discarded; there are no observed trips in which zero cod was caught. It is not known whether these two vessels caught and discarded cod in the other months or whether the other two vessels caught and discarded cod in any month in 2012. Table 3 reports that one of the vessels caught and discarded 3327 kg and 308 kg respectively on the two observed trips and that these catches constituted 8.7% and 1.1% respectively of their total catches, and that the other vessel caught and discarded 382 kg cod in one observed trip representing 1.3% of the total catch of that trip. Table 3 reports that the trip with the high percentage of cod in the catch had a minimum depth of 296 m (which does not correspond with the depth range for that vessel and that month reported in Table 1, namely 321-548 m). The average of the percentages of cod in the catch in these trips was 3.7%; the percentage of the overall cod catches to the total catches amounts to 4.2%. The observer coverage in terms of proportion of total deployed effort remains unknown because the effort deployed on the observer trips is not provided in Table 3.

The average proportion of cod in the observed catches was 4.2% and hence, exceeded 1.5%. The observed trips are unlikely to be representative of the overall proportion of cod in the catches of all vessels throughout the year because they all took place in May only and Table 1 reports fishing activity in 7 months of the year. STECF notes that the observed cod catches are not insignificant and were taken at depths in the region of 300 m, which has been previously considered to represent the likely limit to the distributional range of cod. In addition the report of the STECF EWG 13-06 (STECF 13-13, section 5.4.2.) indicates that the great majority of recent cod catches in VIa have been taken west of the management line, which straddles the 300 m isobath. Therefore STECF considers that it may no longer be appropriate to consider fishing activity at depths deeper than 300 m to be spatially decoupled from the distribution of cod.

STECF conclusions

The data submitted by Spain do not support the conclusion that during the preceding fishing season the vessel group has (on average) caught less than or equal to 1.5% of cod from the total catches of the vessels concerned. The reason is that in the observer data provided, the average percentage of cod in the catches was 4.2%.

STECF also concludes that given the great majority of recent cod catches by the Spanish TR1 vessels fishing in VIa under Article 11 exemptions from the cod plan effort regime, have been taken west of the management line which straddles the 300 m isobath, it may no longer be appropriate to consider fishing activity at depths deeper than 300 m to be spatially decoupled from the distribution of cod.

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